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FROM THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, MAY 26 -- The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee today recommended that the State Department ask the Soviet Union to recall two of its principal diplomatic representatives in this country.

This was one of several proposals advanced in a report today by the Subcommittee on the redefection of five youthful Russian sailors who left for their homeland under Soviet escort on April 7.

The Subcommittee's report digests information gained in hearings on the subject, extending from April 20 to May 4 and which brought forth the testimony of four other members of the group who came to the United States after their ship, the Tuapse, was captured by the Chinese Nationalists while approaching Red China with a cargo of jet fuel.

Other witnesses included companions of the sailors, their landlord, their employer and representatives of certain government agencies which were involved in the admission of the sailors to the United States and in their abrupt departure.

On order of Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss) certain testimony, taken in executive ~~testimony~~ ^{session} was today added to the public record and is discussed in the report. The statement of facts also includes certain information on the matter, furnished to a staff member of the Subcommittee by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A summary of this information is annexed hereto.

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INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE BY THE F.B.I.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation learned on April 6, 1956 that the Russian seaman Shirin, who worked in Clifton, New Jersey, was called out of his job at 6:30 p.m. on April 5 by two unknown men. He returned to his work, but the men returned again at 10 p.m. When he returned from this second interruption, he remarked: "Why don't they let me alone?" Later, after work, he stopped at a tavern where he remarked to a friend that he was about to report the incident to the F.B.I. The friend urged him to do it the following morning, but Shirin replied: "Tomorrow may be too late. They have already taken one of my friends." He then used the words "Secret Police" and "at the point of a gun." (The latter expression, according to the F.B.I. informant, could have been figurative.)

The F.B.I. learned many of the events involving Ryabenko and Vaganov in Paterson (but not the incident of the bloody shirt) on April 6th, and on the "afternoon and evening" of that day orally informed the Immigration Service, the Justice Department, the C.I.A. and the State Department of these and also of the aforementioned episode involving Shirin.